

WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE THREE CANDIDATES FOR THE NEXT SPEAKERSHIP.

Randall Revived and Carlisle Carted—Sunset Cox, the Wit, Scholar and Matchless Debater and Rhetorician.

Special Correspondence of the Gazette.

Washington, September 17.—If the Democrats make Sam Randall speaker, that great body of the party infected with the anti-monopoly idea and that others with free trade notions will be finally repelled and separate organizations will be affected. Every Republican newspaper in the country urges the elevation of Sam Randall. In truth he is only nominally a Democrat. He represents a shoe-string district in the city of Philadelphia, carved out for him by "gang Cameron," that the protectionists of Pennsylvania might have a traitor to the Democracy and to the common people inside the Democratic party, that it may be robbed, when triumphant, of proper fruits of victory. Such was congressional folly and falsehood; to principles, when Randall was speaker, that the party lost a majority of more than seventy in the house and became a pitiful, helpless minority.

I have heard shrewd party leaders say that no Democrat as such could support Randall who had not an understanding *sabrevera* with Randall that such adherent should have a committee chairmanship.

THE KENTUCKIAN CANDIDATE.

Mr. Carlisle has ability. Unlike Randall he is a thorough-paced Democrat. He dodged seriously on the Mississippi river question, but, perhaps, because he was the victim of Hon. John E. Ellis' cunning. Ellis and some of his colleagues are grievously involved in their Backbone railway land grant steal. The doughty Kellogg conceived the scheme, but the people discovered friends in Dunn of Arkansas and Rosecrans of California and the game was blocked and those who had sold out to the two great railway potentates, Gould having lines of road from St. Louis to New Orleans on the west and Huntington on the east of the Mississippi, found their schemes sadly thwarted. All these tools of Gould and Huntington and they who sought to transfer the forfeited backbone land grant to Gould and they who voted to repeal a clause in the constitution of Texas inhibiting railway consolidation are adherents of Eads and of the river commission. Of course shareers they are in the railway fortunes of Kellogg and of Gould and Huntington, they would prevent by every possible means the perfection of the navigability of the Mississippi. They would not have the river compete with these parallel railways east and west of it. Therefore have they stood by Eads and persistently commanded the execution of the levee building tasks which are as absurd as impossible. Carlisle, wanting votes as a candidate for the speakership, went into this Ellis & Eads job for a time, but subsequently, I believe, repudiated it.

In any event, he was harmed seriously, and has recovered to the extent that nobody supposes that he comprehend the purposes of those railway jobbing law-givers who inveigled him into the Eads-Ellis levee-building conspiracy. But Mr. Carlisle is young, inexperienced in the house and knowledge of its members and mastery of its rules are comparatively limited. He has no such claims upon the party and no such hold upon its necessary adjuncts (anti-monopolists and free traders) as Mr. S. S. Cox. Mr. Cox has served in the house longer than any member, save one, of that body. He has presided many months as speaker, giving perfect satisfaction to the house and the country. He is a thorough master of the rules of the house, cognizant of the virtues and defects of its members, and if fidelity to the people, to the country party and eloquence and learning to worth anything and deserve public honors, S. S. Cox should be the next speaker.

Very certainly the unity of all elements of the Democratic or opposition party depends, in 1854, in New York and throughout the Union, upon the organization and action of the coming Democratic Congress, and Sunset Cox is shown by his own political fortunes and by his steady tenure of the leadership of his party on the floor of the House is the proper man for the speakership. His election is a great national and democratic necessity.

TRUMAN COUNTY.

Mansfield College and Its Faculty—A New Church—Personal Items.

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Mansfield, September 18.—Our town is again enlivened by the presence of the teachers and students of the college, which has opened up with a large attendance and better prospect generally than ever before. Prof. T. G. Harris, who recently resigned the superintendency of the Weatherford seminary, has charge of the male department; Mrs. A. H. Speer, the female department; Miss Rosa T. Howard, the department of music, and President Collier acts as principal of the preparatory department. It will be noticed that something unusual for the president of a college to work in primary grades, but this arrangement is based on the opinion, now prevalent among our best educators, that mature scholarship, ripe experience and fine teaching ability are necessary in laying the foundation of an education. Will other schools catch the idea and follow the example of Mansfield college?

The members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church have the mate nist on the ground and the workmen engaged for the erection of an elegant church. Prof. Collier, Rev. A. S. Baxter, Messrs. L. H. Stevens, T. C. Graves, S. Stan, J. A. Sergeant, Thos. Bratton, J. B. Clark, E. S. Gill and Dr. J. P. Stevens have contributed liberally and worked faithfully in the enterprise.

Col. W. B. Curtis, of Henrietta, spent yesterday with his sons, who are here in school.

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A Brass Band at Henrietta—Fence Cutters—Local Notes.

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G. B. Ochiltree and wife returned from Hance, Ill., yesterday, where he has been visiting relatives for some time past.

All the young men were out last night armed with cans, bells and horns, giving Mr. Ochiltree and wife a carnival.

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PLAIN TRUTHS

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These simple facts are well known, and the highest medical authorities agree that nothing but iron will restore the blood to its natural condition; and also that all the iron preparations hitherto made blacken the teeth, cause headache, and are otherwise injurious.

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